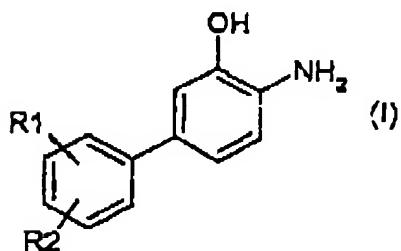


**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1 to 9 as follows:

1.(currently amended) A colorant Cleorant for oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, particularly human hair, based on a developer-coupler combination, said colorant containing characterized in that it contains at least one 4-aminobiphenyl-3-ol derivative of general formula (I) or a physiologically compatible, water-soluble salt thereof.



wherein R1 and R2 independently of each other denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy group, a C<sub>2</sub> - C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub>- alkyl group, a nitro group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH<sub>3</sub> group, a -C(O)CF<sub>3</sub> group, an -Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> group, or a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub>-hydroxyalkyl group, or R1 and R2 together form an -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O- bridge.

2.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, wherein Cleorant ~~according to Claim 1, characterized in that it contains the 4-aminobiphenyl-3-ol~~ derivative of general formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of among

4-aminobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-cyanobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-cyanobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-cyanobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 3'-dichlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-3'-fluoro-biphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-3'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-5'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-5'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 6'-dichlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-6'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chloro-6'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-3'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-3'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 5'-difluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-5'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-6'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 6'-difluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluoro-6'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-3'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-3'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 3'-dimethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-5'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 5'-dimethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-6'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-methyl-6'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2', 6'-dimethyl-biphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chloro-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chloro-5'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-fluoro-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3', 5'-difluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-fluoro-5'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-methyl-5'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-

3'-methyl-5'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3',5'-dimethyl-biphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3',4'-dichloro-biphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chloro-4'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chloro-4'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4',6'-dichlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-chloro-6'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-chloro-6'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-fluoro-4'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3',4'-difluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-fluoro-4'-methyl-biphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-fluoro-6'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4',6'-difluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-fluoro-6'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-methyl-4'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-methyl-4'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3',4'-dimethylbiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-methyl-6'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-methyl-8'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4', 6'-dimethylbiphenyl-3-ol, and 2-amino-5-benzo[1,3]dioxo-5-ylphenol ~~and the physiologically compatible salts thereof.~~

3.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, wherein Colorant according to Claim 1, characterized in that in the formula (I) (i) R1 denotes hydrogen and/or (ii) R2 denotes hydrogen, a methyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluorine atom, or a chlorine atom.

4.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, wherein Colorant according to Claim 1, characterized in that the 4-aminobiphenyl-3-ol derivative of general formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of among 4-aminobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-3'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4'-chlorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-2'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-

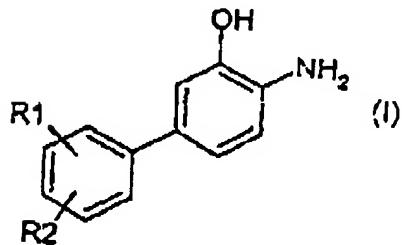
3'-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, 4-amino-4-fluorobiphenyl-3-ol, and 4-amino-4'-methylbiphenyl-3-ol and the physiologically compatible salts thereof.

5.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, containing Colorant according to Claim 1, characterized in that it contains the 4-amino biphenyl-3-ol derivative of general formula (I) in an amount from 0.001 to 5 weight percent.

6.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, having Colorant according to Claim 1, characterized in that it has a pH of 6.5 to 11.5.

7.(currently amended) The colorant as defined in claim 1, containing Colorant according to Claim 1, characterized in that additionally it contains at least one dye selected from the group consisting of developers, couplers, direct dyes, and other dye components.

8.(currently amended) A 4-Aminobiphenyl-3-ol derivative of general formula (I) or a physiologically compatible, water-soluble salt thereof:



wherein R1 and R2 independently of each other denote hydrogen, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy group, a C<sub>2</sub> - C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxyalkoxy group, a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl group, a nitro group, a trifluoromethyl group, a -C(O)H group, a -C(O)CH<sub>3</sub> group, a -C(O)CF<sub>3</sub> group, an -Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> group, or a C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub>-hydroxyalkyl group, or R1 and R2 together form an -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O- bridge.

9.(currently amended) The compound as defined in claim 8, wherein Compound according to Claim 8, characterized in that in the formula (I) (i) R1 denotes hydrogen and/or (ii) R2 denotes hydrogen, a methyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a fluorine atom, or a chlorine atom.